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Date of Interview: 01 March 2006.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
 c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☐ No.
 If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 37 and 52.

Identification of prior art discussed: Wiltshire et al., Walker et al., and Karmarkar.


Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Summary of Record of Interview Requirements

Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP), Section 713.04, Substance of Interview Must be Made of Record

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Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 1.133 Interviews

Paragraph (b)

In every instance where reconsideration is requested in view of an interview with an examiner, a complete written statement of the reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action must be filed by the applicant. An interview does not remove the necessity for reply to Office action as specified in §§ 1.111, 1.135. (35 U.S.C. 132)

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The Interview Summary Form shall be given an appropriate Paper No., placed in the right hand portion of the file, and listed on the "Contents" section of the file wrapper. In a personal interview, a duplicate of the Form is given to the applicant (or attorney or agent) at the conclusion of the interview. In the case of a telephone or video-conference interview, the copy is mailed to the applicant's correspondence address either with or prior to the next official communication. If additional correspondence from the examiner is not likely before an allowance or if other circumstances dictate, the Form should be mailed promptly after the interview rather than with the next official communication.

The Form provides for recordation of the following information:

- Application Number (Series Code and Serial Number)
- Name of applicant
- Name of examiner
- Date of interview
- Type of interview (telephonic, video-conference, or personal)
- Name of participant(s) (applicant, attorney or agent, examiner, other PTO personnel, etc.)
- An indication whether or not an exhibit was shown or a demonstration conducted
- An identification of the specific prior art discussed
- An indication whether an agreement was reached and if so, a description of the general nature of the agreement (may be by attachment of a copy of amendments or claims agreed as being allowable). Note: Agreement as to allowability is tentative and does not restrict further action by the examiner to the contrary.
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It is desirable that the examiner orally remind the applicant of his or her obligation to record the substance of the interview of each case. It should be noted, however, that the Interview Summary Form will not normally be considered a complete and proper recordation of the interview unless it includes, or is supplemented by the applicant or the examiner to include, all of the applicable items required below concerning the substance of the interview.

A complete and proper recordation of the substance of any interview should include at least the following applicable items:

- 1) A brief description of the nature of any exhibit shown or any demonstration conducted,
- 2) an identification of the claims discussed,
- 3) an identification of the specific prior art discussed,
- 4) an identification of the principal proposed amendments of a substantive nature discussed, unless these are already described on the Interview Summary Form completed by the Examiner,
- 5) a brief identification of the general thrust of the principal arguments presented to the examiner,
(The identification of arguments need not be lengthy or elaborate. A verbatim or highly detailed description of the arguments is not required. The identification of the arguments is sufficient if the general nature or thrust of the principal arguments made to the examiner can be understood in the context of the application file. Of course, the applicant may desire to emphasize and fully describe those arguments which he or she feels were or might be persuasive to the examiner.)
- 6) a general indication of any other pertinent matters discussed, and
- 7) if appropriate, the general results or outcome of the interview unless already described in the Interview Summary Form completed by the examiner.

Examiners are expected to carefully review the applicant's record of the substance of an interview. If the record is not complete and accurate, the examiner will give the applicant an extendable one month time period to correct the record.

Examiner to Check for Accuracy

If the claims are allowable for other reasons of record, the examiner should send a letter setting forth the examiner's version of the statement attributed to him or her. If the record is complete and accurate, the examiner should place the indication, "Interview Record OK" on the paper recording the substance of the interview along with the date and the examiner's initials.

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant further elaborated on the claimed invention. Applicant faxed proposed amendments for discussion. The examiner noted that the Wiltshire reference would still meet the proposed amended claims. The examiner suggested language along the lines of the server and the physical gaming machine co-existing or within the same gaming establishment. The proposed language might over the reference Wiltshire pending further searching and consideration. The examiner also noted the Kammarkar reference to applicant. Proposed arguments and amendments would be taken into consideration upon filling a response pending further consideration and searching.

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• MESSAGE •

Examiner Rada,

I would be grateful for a telephone interview to discuss these proposed claim amendments at your convenience. I would like to talk specifically about the main benefit derived from the claimed invention, namely, that a person would be able to leave a casino, go home to another city or state, and still play the same gaming machine he/she played while in the casino. This aspect would be particularly important if the person developed a special affinity for a specific gaming machine while he/she was in the casino. I don't think this benefit would be possible with the prior art references of record.

Daniel G. Nguyen

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For: METHOD OF TRANSFERRING GAMING
DATA ON A GLOBAL COMPUTER
NETWORK

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS FOR TELEPHONE INTERVIEW

Claims 1-36. (Cancelled)

37. (Currently Amended) A remote gaming method comprising:
- accessing, via a remote terminal, a gaming site on a global computer network connected to said remote terminal;
 - providing, via said remote terminal, personal identification information to said gaming site;
 - selecting, via said remote terminal, a game of chance from a plurality of physical gaming machines located at a gaming establishment for remote play, said remote terminal being located outside said gaming establishment, said physical gaming machines playable by a player at said gaming establishment;
 - placing, via said remote terminal, a wager for playing said selected game; and
 - receiving randomly-generated text or graphical outcome data at said remote terminal for said selected game, said outcome data being generated by one of said plurality of physical gaming machines at said gaming establishment and relayed to said gaming site through a gaming server connected to said gaming site.
38. (Currently Amended) A remote gaming method using a gaming server, a remote terminal, and a gaming site on a global computer network, said gaming server being located at a gaming

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establishment, said remote terminal being located outside said gaming establishment, said gaming site being provided on said global computer network, the method comprising:

receiving, at said gaming server, personal identification information, game selection information, and wager information from a player accessing said gaming site via said remote terminal, said remote terminal being connected to said global computer network;

randomly generating outcome data at one of a plurality of physical gaming machines communicatively coupled to said gaming server, said outcome data being generated for a game selected according to said game selection information, said plurality of physical gaming machines being located at said gaming establishment and playable by said player at said gaming establishment;

receiving said outcome data at said gaming server; and

transmitting said outcome data from said gaming server to said gaming site for display to said player on said remote terminal in text or graphical form.

39. (Currently Amended) A method for playing a physical gaming machine located inside a gaming establishment from a remote terminal located outside the gaming establishment comprising:
- establishing a communication link between said remote terminal and a gaming site on a global computer network, said gaming site in communication with a gaming server for collecting outcome data from physical gaming machines located inside the gaming establishment;
 - selecting a physical gaming machine at said gaming establishment using said remote terminal;
 - making a wager to play the selected physical gaming machine;
 - receiving outcome data, including game outcome, at said remote terminal resulting from a play of said physical gaming machine; and
 - generating a payout if said game outcome meets predetermined criteria.

40. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 39 wherein said outcome data comprises information identifying the value of said payout; and further comprising the step of using said payout information to simulate a display of said game outcome at said remote location.

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41. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 39 further comprising using said outcome data to simulate a display of said game outcome on said remote terminal.
42. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 39, wherein said selected gaming machine comprises a slot machine and wherein said game outcome data includes a reel position.
43. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 39 wherein said selected gaming machine comprises a video poker machine including a display for displaying a poker hand.
44. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 39 wherein said step of receiving outcome data includes receiving outcome data from a plurality of gaming machines for remote play.
45. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 44 wherein said step of receiving outcome data includes receiving a gaming machine identifier.
46. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 44 wherein said step of receiving outcome data includes receiving a gaming machine type.
47. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 44 wherein said step of receiving outcome data includes receiving player preferences.
48. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 39 wherein said selected gaming machine comprises a slot machine and wherein said game outcome comprises information identifying a reel position of said gaming machine; and further comprising the step of using said outcome information to display said reel position on said remote terminal.
49. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 39 and further including the steps of receiving a player identifier; and transmitting said player identifier for identification of said player.
50. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 39 wherein said game outcome results from the server initiating game play on the selected gaming machine.
51. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 39 wherein said game outcome results from the manual game play on the selected gaming machine.

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52. (Currently Amended) A remote computer for the remote play of a physical gaming machine located within a gaming establishment and connected to a gaming server, the remote computer being located outside said gaming establishment, said remote computer connected to a gaming site through a global computing network served by said gaming server, said remote computer comprising:

a microprocessor;

memory connected to said microprocessor and including instructions for controlling said microprocessor; and

said microprocessor being operative with said instructions in said memory to:

receive information identifying a plurality of physical gaming machines located within said gaming establishment from a gaming server, said physical gaming machine playable by a player at said gaming establishment;

transmit data selecting of at least one said plurality of physical gaming machines for remote play;

receive a text or graphical outcome resulting from a local play of each said selected physical gaming machine; and

generate a payout if said outcome meets predetermined criteria.

53. (Previously Presented) The remote computer of claim 52 wherein said selected gaming machine comprises a slot machine and wherein said outcome includes a reel position.

54. (Previously Presented) The remote computer of claim 52 wherein said operation of receiving information includes receiving information selecting at least two of said plurality of local gaming machines for remote play.

55. (Previously Presented) The remote computer of claim 52 wherein said operation of receiving information includes receiving a gaming machine identifier.

56. (Previously Presented) The remote computer of claim 52 wherein said operation of receiving information includes receiving a gaming machine type.

57. (Previously Presented) The remote computer of claim 52 wherein said operation of receiving information includes receiving player preferences.

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58. (Previously Presented) The remote computer of claim 52 wherein said selected gaming machine comprises a video poker machine including a display for displaying a poker hand.

59. (Previously Presented) The remote computer of claim 52 wherein said outcome comprises data identifying the value of said payout; and further comprising the operation of using said payout data to simulate a display of said outcome at said remote location.

60. (Previously Presented) The remote computer of claim 52 wherein said outcome comprises information identifying a reel position of said selected gaming machine; and further comprising the operation of using said outcome data to display said reel position at said remote location.

61. (Previously Presented) The remote computer of claim 52 further including the operations of: receiving a player identifier; and transmitting said player identifier for identification of said player.

62. (Currently Amended) A remote computer located outside a gaming establishment, said gaming establishment having a plurality of physical gaming machines linked by a gaming server, said remote computer connected to a gaming site through a global computing network served by said gaming server comprising:

means for receiving information identifying a plurality of physical gaming machines each

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engaged in play by a player within said gaming establishment;

means for transmitting data from said remote computer for selecting at least one of said

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plurality of physical gaming machines for information transfer;

means for receiving a text or graphical outcome resulting from a play of said selected

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physical gaming machines; and

for generating a payout if said outcome meets predetermined criteria.